

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application. An Amendment was filed on July 11, 2006, in response to the Office Action of April 11, 2006. In an Advisory Action mailed July 20, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment of July 11, 2006, would not be entered as it required further search and consideration.

In response, Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination and the required fee. The Amendment filed July 11, 2006, qualifies as a submission under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment filed July 11, 2006, and examination of the amended claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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